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C.I.A.'s Files Describe Campus Spying

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP) The Central Intelligence Agency collected information about political dissidents at Utah State University, Brown University and Boston University in 1970 and 1971, according to newly released C.I.A. documents.

The 141 pages of files, the first documents concerning "Operation Chaos" that have been made public, also showed that the agency followed the movements of American political dissenters traveling abroad and kept track of foreign visitors to dissident groups in the United States.

A separate group of 47 documents showed that as late as November 1974 the agency was circulating to one of its overseas stations information about the political activities of a Socialist Workers Party leader, Peter Camejo.

The C.I.A. released to Mr. Camejo parts of its dossier on him after he requested the release under the Freedom of Information Act.

The agency released the Operation Chaos files to the Socialist Workers Party in response to a court order in a multimillion-dollar damage suit filed by the party against the C.I.A. and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The suit alleges illegal harassment. The files were made public by the Political Rights Defense Fund, which is financing the party's lawsuit.

A previously released C.I.A. memo written in 1973, seve months before onhas was reoooooooooooooonfr prted to have been terminated, said the operation "is restricted to the collection abroad of information on foreign activities related to domestic matters." It added that the agency "is not to be directly engaged in the surveillance or other action against" Americans overseas.

But some 50 pages of the files that have now become public showed that the C.I.A. regularely received informatio from "sources" about the overseas travels and writings of a Socialist Workers leaders, Andrew Pulley, in 1970.

The heavily-censored files included a report on a Brown University seminar sponsored by the Young Socialist Alliance, a yough affiliate of the Socialist Workers.

"According to a source in attendance," said the unsigned document, "the meeting and speaker were oriented toward inciting revolution and anarchy in the U.S. Among the participants . . . were Black Panthers, various Arab students at Brown and disenchanted members of the U.S. Jewish communities."

Another file was labeled "radical activity on campus of Utah State University." The memo, dated May 3, 1971, said the campus "is more politically active than most in the state. There is an active chapter of the Young Socialist Alliance. A number of small groups also exist but are not as important."

In a Sept. 18, 1970, memo to a C.I.A. unit chief, whose name was deleted, an agency employee wrote, "We have attached examples of leftist material being distributed free of charge at Boston University during registration week."

The source who obtained the material "also noted that there were a variety of Marxist items also being sold such as revolutionary lapel buttons and a variety of pamphlets on socialism, Malcolm X and women's liberation," the memo said.